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Applicant : Campbell et al.  
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Filed : 07/07/95  
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**LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL**

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Request for Continued Examination (1 page)
2. Response under 37 CFR 1.111 (14 pages)

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Art Unit	3738
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed Sept. 23, 2003 for the above-referenced application, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for two months to Feb. 23, 2004. Examiner is requested and authorized to charge our deposit account number 07-1729 for the required amount.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.